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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND HEARING

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WORKSHOPS AND HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND WAIVER FOR ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS) AND THE ASSOCIATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will hold workshops and a hearing regarding the proposed rulemaking for OWTS. These workshops are intended to solicit public comments on the following three related items:

1. Proposed amendments to Title 27 of the California Water Code (Division 5), regulating OWTS;
2. Statewide Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from OWTS; and
3. Draft Environmental Impact Report for the two regulatory actions above.

The three documents above can be obtained using the contact information below or from the State Water Board website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/septic_tanks/. Also, a full list of workshops (eleven) and the hearing in Sacramento can be found at the State Water Board's website or using the contact information below. Workshop locations closest to the area of circulation of this Notice are listed below:

Mariposa Workshop

December 8, 2008; 7 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Government Center
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA

San Andreas Workshop

December 9, 2008; 7 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA

Nevada City Workshop

December 10, 2008; 7 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Eric Rood Administrative Center
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA

Susanville Workshop

December 11, 2008; 7 p.m.
Lassen County Fairgrounds
Jenson Hall
195 Russell Avenue
Susanville, CA

Redding Workshop

December 18, 2008; 7 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Shasta County Admin. Center
1450 Court Street
Redding, CA

Bishop Workshop

January 13, 2009; 7 p.m.
Tri County Fairgrounds
Sierra Street and Fair Drive
Bishop, CA

Sacramento Hearing

February 9, 2009; 1:30 p.m.
Byron Sher Auditorium
Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA

These workshops are part of a larger effort to solicit public comments on the proposed regulatory actions and associated draft EIR. While a State Water Board Member will preside at many or all of the workshops and the hearing, and there may be a quorum present, there will be no action taken to approve or codify the proposed regulations, waiver, or draft EIR at any of these workshops or the hearing.

COSTS

Costs for complying with this rulemaking have been estimated and can be found in the draft EIR.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Written comments are welcomed and encouraged. Oral comments are also welcomed at any of the eleven scheduled workshops and at the hearing. However, time limitations on the oral presentations may be imposed, depending on the number of commenters and available time for their comments. For this reason, it is preferred but not required that all oral commenters summarize written comments and, to allow for more oral presentations, that oral presentations be coordinated with other similar presentations.

Written comments must be received or postmarked on or before February 9, 2009.

Written comments are to be addressed and submitted to:

Mr. Todd Thompson, P.E.
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State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
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Sacramento, CA 95812
FAX: (916) 341-5463

Email comments should be sent to: AB885@waterboards.ca.gov

For any questions regarding this matter, please phone Mr. Todd Thompson at (916) 341-5518 or email him at the email address provided above.

November 12, 2008
Date

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